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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

BURTON G. DANA

ROBERT M. BRACKETT

BENJAMIN H. BRAGG

Treasurer

DONALD W. MOORE

Town Clerk

HENRY C. METCALF

Road Agent

FRED C. CARMEN

Supervisors

ROY H. BUSS

BRAINERD R. TAYLOR

EARL M. PITCHER

Moderator

H. LEROY ESTABROOK

Ballot Clerks

LEON M. TROW

GUY S. NEAL

JOHN H. ALLEN

HERBERT D. GALE

Tax Collector

LEONARD F. BRAGG

Auditors

RICHARD G. BATH

LEON M. TROW

Trustees of Trust Funds

H. LEROY ESTABROOK

DONALD W. MOORE

ROBERT M. BRACKETT

School Board

MAYBELLE H. STILL

MARY C. BURROUGHS

GILMAN O. ELLIS

Library Trustees

CHAUNCY J. NEWELL

RICHARD G. BATH

HARRIET W. WHITTON

EDITH H. CHASE

ALICE C. MOORE

FRANK C. DUSTIN

Librarian

LAURA MacLANE

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN WARRANT

Cheshire, ss;

To the inhabitants of Alstead qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town on the eleventh (11th) day of March, A. D. 1947 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To choose the following officers, town clerk, town treasurer, one selectman for three years, tax collector, overseer of poor, one or more road agents, auditors, constables, library trustees, trustees of trust funds, fence viewers, cemetery committee, sextons, park commissioners, measurers of wood and surveyors of lumber, and other town officers required by law or as the voters may direct.

Art. 2. To see what sums of money the town will raise for ordinary town charges, old age assistance, and for the support of the poor.

Art. 3. To see what sums of money the town will raise for highways and bridges.

Art. 4. To see if the town will raise \$500.00 to repair and gravel the road leading from the East Alstead Common to the Pine Cliff Road turn, so-called.

Art. 5. To see what action the town will take regarding the purchase of road equipment, including snow removal equipment and raise and borrow money for the same.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will raise to oil the village streets, and the "Slade Hill Road."

Art. 7. To see if the town will raise \$611.29 for Class V roads and call for State assistance, the State to contribute \$2,445.17.

Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to sell real estate acquired by tax sale.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of cemeteries.

Art. 10. To see if the town will raise \$25.00 for water rent for the town hall and watering trough.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the library.

Art. 12. To see if the town will raise \$40.00 for Memorial Day.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of parks and playgrounds.

Art. 14. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 15. To see if the town will raise \$1,158.34 to reduce state aid construction notes.

Art. 16. To see if the town will raise \$1,500.00 to reduce the Road Grader note.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will raise for street lights.

Art. 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$79.00 (1/100th of 1% of the valuation of the town) to the Monadnock Region Association of Southern New Hampshire for issuance and distribution of printed matter, newspaper and magazine advertising, and by other means calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the town, in cooperation with the other thirty-seven towns of the Monadnock Region.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to adopt the following Ordinance;

For the organization of a volunteer Fire Department, under the provisions of chapter 146 of the Public Laws of the State of New Hampshire (Ch. 175, Revised Laws).

Be it ordained by the voters of the town of Alstead that a department to be hereafter known as the Alstead Fire Department, the object of which shall be the prevention of fires and the protection of life and property within the limits of the town of Alstead is hereby created as follows:

Section 1. Officers.

Article 1. The department shall consist of one commissioner to serve for one year, one to serve for two years, and one to serve for three years, and at every annual meeting thereafter elect one to serve for three years.

Article 2. The commissioners shall appoint a Chief of the Fire Department to serve for an indefinite time and his tenure of office shall depend upon his good conduct and efficiency. The Chief shall be technically qualified by training and experience and shall have ability to command men and hold their respect and confidence. He shall be removed only for just cause and after a public hearing before the commissioners.

Article 3. The commissioners shall formulate a set of rules and regulations to govern the department, and the Chief shall be responsible to the commissioners for the personnel, moral and general efficiency of the Department.

Article 4. Any rules of regulation inconsistent with the foregoing ordinance are hereby repealed.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will raise for fire protection and for the support of the fire company and for the purchase of fire fighting equipment.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care and maintenance of the town clock.

Art. 22. To see if the town will raise the sum of \$400.00 for the control of Pine Blister Rust.

Art. 23. To see what action the town will take in regard to building a sidewalk on Mechanic Street, and raise money for the same.

Art. 24. To see if the town will appropriate $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of town valuation to continue the capital reserve fund for the purpose of building an elementary school building in Alstead Village, in the future.

Art. 25. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the erection of a Town memorial to World War II Veterans, and to appoint a committee consisting of five citizens of the town to choose and erect the same.

Art. 26. To see if the town will accept a trust fund of \$200.00 to be known as the Gowan-Dickey Fund; a fund of \$200.00 to be known as the Harry W. Jewett Fund; a fund of \$100.00 to be known as the Oliver Pratt Fund; a fund of \$100.00 to be known as the Charles French Fund, to be held by the town as Cemetery Trust Funds.

Art. 27. To see what action the town will take to purchase or rent and maintain land for a public dump.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to buy land adjoining the Pine Grove Cemetery, and raise money for the same.

Art. 29. To transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 24th day of February, A. D., 1947.

BURTON G. DANA,
ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
BENJ. H. BRAGG,

Selectmen of Alstead.

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

BURTON G. DANA,
ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
BENJ. H. BRAGG,

Selectmen of Alstead.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR
THE ENSUING YEAR JAN. 1, 1947 TO DEC. 31, 1947
COMPARED WITH
ACTUAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PRE-
VIOUS YEAR JAN. 1, 1946 TO DEC. 31, 1946

SOURCES OF REVENUE

From state :	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1946	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1947	Increase	Decrease
Interest and divi-				
dends tax	\$991 38	\$991 38		
Savings bank tax	269 33	269 33		
For fighting forest				
fires	164 66	164 66		
From local				
sources ex-				
cept taxes :				
Permits, pistol	6 00	6 00		
Rent of town hall				
and other buildings	117 00	117 00		
Interest received on				
taxes and deposits	170 70	170 00		
Interest from trust				
funds, Vilas	2,890 15	2,890 15		
Income from depart-				
ments, road				
grader	368 00	368 00		
Sale of culverts	24 96			
Salvage drive	4 09			
Income from muni-				
cipally owned				
utilities :				
Electric light depart-				
ments, Vilas pool	15 00	15 00		

	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1946	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1947	Increase	Decrease
Motor vehicle per- mit fees	941 47	941 47		
Sale of town property acquired by tax deeds	300 00			
Gifts (Crabtree est.)	1,306 71			
Sale of tractor	1,000 00			
Sale of observa- tion post	100 00			
Amount raised by issue of bonds or notes:				
Grader note	5,187 00			
From local taxes other than prop- erty taxes:				
(a) Poll taxes—				
Regular @ \$2	528 00	528 00		
(b) National bank stock taxes	12 50	12 50		
Total revenue				
from all sources	\$14,396 95	\$6,474 19		
*Amount to be raised by prop- erty taxes		27,264 87		
Total revenues		\$33,739 06		

*Total estimated "Revenues from All Sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1946	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1947	Increase	Decrease
Current Maintenance Expenses:				
General government:				
Town officers'				
salaries	\$1,665 00	\$1,655 00		
Town officers'				
expenses	77 27	77 27		
Election and reg-				
istration expenses	170 54	75 00		
Auto permits	109 93	109 93		
Expenses town hall				
and other town				
buildings	839 93	250 00		
Protection of				
persons and				
property:				
Police department	84 04	84 04		
Fire department	1,223 13	500 00		
Moth extermination				
—blister rust	314 02	400 00		
Health:				
Vital statistics	20 00	20 00		
Highways and				
bridges:				
Town maintenance:				
summer	5,447 71	6,000 00		
Street lighting	862 44	1,008 00		
Town road aid	608 75	611 29		
Road grader (note)	2,500 25	1,500 00		
Public welfare:				
Town poor	84 00	100 00		
Old age assistance	781 90	800 00		

	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1946	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1947	Increase	Decrease
Patriotic purposes :				
Memorial day and veterans' asso'ns.	50 00	40 00		
Recreation :				
Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	121 45	100 00		
Public service enterprises :				
Cemeteries	266 00	300 00		
Unclassified :				
Unclassified	876 34	500 00		
Damages and legal expenses	27 60	27 60		
Advertising and Re- gional associations	7700	79 00		
Interest :				
On temporary loans	33 34	300 00		
Indebtedness :				
(b) Long term notes	1,158 34	1,158 34		
Payments to other govern- mental divi- sions :				
County taxes	1,543 59	1,543 59		
Payments to school districts	22,805 08	16,500 00		
Total expendi- tures	\$41,747 45	\$33,739 06		

FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD
 For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1946

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the audited official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.
 January 14, 1947.

BURTON G. DANA,
 ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
 BENJAMIN H. BRAGG,
 Selectmen.

DONALD W. MOORE,
 Treasurer.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Land and buildings	\$611,888 00
Growing wood and timber	80,178 00
Electric plants	38,500 00
Horses, 80	10,035 00
Mules, 1	25 00
Oxen, 14	2,350 00
Cows, 281	29,645 00
Other neat stock, 46	3,265 00
Sheep and goats, 18	180 00
Fowls, 675	675 00
Vehicles, 2	650 00
Portable mills, 5	7,800 00
Wood and lumber	10,247 00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	680 00
Stock and trade	13,456 00
Mills and machinery	14,150 00
	\$823,724 00

Less soldiers' exemptions	23,850 00
Total on which tax is figured	<u>\$799,874 00</u>

Town tax rate \$3.80.

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED IN 1946

Town charges	\$2,000 00
Painting and repairing town hall	600 00
Fire department	800 00
Town road aid	608 75
Town maintenance	6,000 00
Oiling roads	1,400 00
Snow fence	200 00
Street lights	850 00
Committee to investigate sidewalk	50 00
Marking lines for sidewalk	50 00
Old age assistance	800 00
Town poor	500 00
Memorial day	40 00
Parks and playgrounds	200 00
Water rent,	25 00
Cemeteries	300 00
Monadnock Region	77 00
Care and repair town clock	50 00
Road note	1,134 00
County tax	1,543 59
School tax	16,602 74
Capital Reserve fund	<u>3,878 00</u>
Total town and school appropriations	\$37,709 08
Less estimated dividends tax	\$988 55
Savings bank tax	317 63
Vilas Pool street light	15 00
Motor vehicle permit fees	684 71
Cash surplus	300 00

Vilas fund	3,175 28	
Willis Crabtree legacy—to reduce road note	1,306 71	
	<hr/>	6,787 88
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		\$30,921 20
Plus overlay		268 51
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		\$31,189 71
Less poll taxes	\$782 00	
National bank stock taxes	12 50	
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Estimated total taxes to be committed to collector		\$30,395 21

BURTON G. DANA,
ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
BENJAMIN H. BRAGG,
Selectmen of Alstead.

ASSETS

Cash	\$8,757 62
Capital reserve funds: (For the acquisition of equipment and new construction):	
Reserved for school house \$3,878. in hands of treasurer to be transferred in 1947.	
Accounts due to the town:	
(b) Bounties	96 50
Other bills due town:	
(a) Town of Langdon, Goodell fire	10 50
(b) Outing club rent	7 00

Unredeemed taxes:

(b) Levy of 1945	213 46
(c) Levy of 1944	138 13
(d) Previous years	381 60

Uncollected taxes:

(a) Levy of 1946	4,564 51
(b) Levy of 1945	59 95

Total assets	\$14,229 27
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)	6,487 24
Grand total	\$20,716 51

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by the town:

Unexpended balances of special appropriations:

Parks and playgrounds	\$88 55
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Due to state—Special

\$3.00 poll taxes:

(a) Uncollected—due state when collected (1944 \$.....) (1945 \$.....)	12 00
(b) Collected—not remitted to state treas. (1945 \$ none) (1945 \$.....)	89 74

Due to school districts:

(a) Dog licenses	279 35
(b) Balance of appropriation	3,602 74

Capital reserve funds: (offsets

similar asset account)	3,878 00
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Outstanding temporary loans in anticipation of taxes:

Connecticut River National Bank	5,000 00
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Long term notes outstanding:

Savings Bank of Walpole, road grader	5,187 00
Savings Bank of Walpole, S.O.A. road note	2,579 13

Total liabilities	\$20,716 51
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RECEIPTS

Current revenue:

From local taxes:

1. Property taxes—current year	\$26,202 03
2. Poll taxes—current year— regular @ \$2	528 00
3. National bank stock taxes	12 50
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4. Total of current year's taxes collected and remitted	\$26,742 53
5. Property taxes—previous years	4,559 97
6. Poll taxes—previous years— regular @ \$2	246 00
7. Poll taxes—previous years— special @ \$3	390 00
8. Interest received on taxes	170 70
9. Tax sales redeemed	573 71

From state:

11. Interest and dividend tax	991 38
13. Saving bank tax	269 33
17. Fighting forest fires	164 66
18. Bounties	113 50

From local sources, except taxes:

21. Dog licenses	317 88
22. Business licenses and permits	6 00
23. Balance salvage drive	4 09
24. Rent of town property, road grader	368 00
25. Rent town hall	117 00
26. Income from trust funds	2,890 15
Registration of motor vehicles, 1946 permits	941 47
Sale of culverts	24 96
Vilas pool light	15 00

Receipts other than current revenue:

30. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$7,500 00
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31. Long term notes during year	5,187 00	
35. Gifts, Crabtree Estate	1,306 71	
38. Sale of town property acquired by tax deed	300 00	
Sale of tractor	1,000 00	
Observation post	100 00	
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Total receipts other than current revenue		54,300 04
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Total receipts from all sources		\$54,300 04
Cash on hand January 1, 1946		4,643 69
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Grand total		\$58,943 73

PAYMENTS

Current maintenance expenses:

General government:

1. Town officer's salaries	\$1,665 00
2. Town officer's expenses	77 27
3. Election and registration expenses	170 54
4. Auto permits	109 93
5. Expenses town hall and other town buildings	839 93

Protection of persons and property:

6. Police department, including care of tramps	84 04
7. Fire department, including forest fires	1,223 13
8. Moth extermination—blister rust	314 02
9. Bounties	96 50
10. Damage by dogs	38 53

Health:

12. Vital statistics	20 00
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Highways and bridges:

14. Town road aid	608 75
15. Town maintenance	5,447 71
16. Street lighting and sprinkling	862 44
17. Road grader	7,687 05

Public welfare:

19. Old age assistance	781 90
20. Town poor	84 00

Patriotic purposes:

22. Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	50 00
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Recreation:

24. Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	121 45
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Public service enterprises:

27. Cemeteries, including hearse hire	266 00
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Unclassified:

29. Damages and legal expenses	27 60
30. Advertising and Regional Associations	77 00
31. Taxes bought by town	185 26
32. Costs of tax sale	28 20

Interest:

33. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	33 34
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Indebtedness:

45. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	2,500 00
46. Payments on long term notes, S.A.O.	1,158 34

Payments to other governmental divisions:

51. Special poll taxes @ \$3 paid to state	403 17
52. Taxes paid to county	1,543 59
54. Payments to school districts	22,805 08

Total payments for all purposes	\$50,186 11
Cash on hand December 31, 1946	8,757 62

Grand total	\$58,943 73
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
1. Town hall, land and buildings	\$10,000 00
Furniture and equipment	900 00
2. Libraries, lands and buildings	125,000 00
Furniture and equipment	5,000 00
3. Police department, lands and buildings	150 00
4. Fire department, lands and buildings	3,000 00
Equipment	3,500 00
5. Highway department, land and buildings	700 00
Equipment	8,500 00
6. Parks, commons and playgrounds	10,000 00
9. Schools, lands and buildings	155,000 00
11. All lands and buildings acquired through tax collector's deeds:	
Shadowland lot No. 29	100 00
Other Shadowland lots	700 00
French-Blake land	50 00
Land and buildings—Crosby	225 00
Kimball land	100 00
Total	<hr/> \$322,925 00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT IN ACCOUNT WITH DOG LICENSES

Alstead, N. H. Dec. 31, 1946

Number of male and spayed female dogs 107 @ \$2.00	\$214 00
Number of females, 22 @ \$5.00	110 00
Number dogs licensed part year, 2 females	8 68
Amount received for 15 fines @ \$1 and \$2	10 50
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	\$343 18
Less fees for 131 licenses	26 20
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Amount paid town treasurer	\$316 98
Jan. 15, 1946, paid treasurer to	
correct error on 1945 dog tax	90
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	\$317 88

I hereby certify the above report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY C. METCALF,
Town Clerk.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT—LEVY OF 1946

Taxes committed to collector:

DR.

Property taxes	\$30,395 21
Poll taxes	782 00
Nat'l Bank Stock tax	12 50

Total warrant	<u>\$31,189 71</u>
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Added taxes:

Res. polls	\$22 00		
Property	13 68	35 68	
Non res. pty.		183 35	219 03
Interest collected			4 43
			<u>\$31,413 17</u>

CR.

Property taxes: Nat'l Bank Stock tax	
\$12.50 included	\$26,214 53
Interest collected	4 43
Polls	528 00

Amount collected and turned in to treasurer	<u>\$26,746 96</u>
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Abatements allowed:

Polls	\$20 00	
Property	81 70	107 70

Uncollected as per collectors list:

Polls	\$256 00	
Property	4,308 51	4,564 51
		<u>\$31,413 17</u>

SUMMARY OF WARRANT—LEVY OF 1945

Uncollected balance as of Jan. 1, 1946

DR.

Property taxes	\$4,612 41
Poll taxes regular (\$2.00)	288 00
Poll taxes special (\$3.00)	447 00
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	5,347 41

Added taxes:

Poll taxes, regular @ \$2.00	8 00
Poll taxes, special @ \$3.00	12 00

Interest collected:

On property taxes and regular polls	153 23
Int. on special polls	9 63
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\$5,530 27

CR.

Property taxes	\$4,535 97
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Interest collected:

On property taxes and regular polls	153 23
On special polls	9 63
Polls regular @ \$2.00	244 00
Polls special @ \$3.00	384 00
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Amount collected and turned over to treasurer	\$5,326 83
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Abatements:

Property tax	\$36 39	
Poll tax regular	44 00	
Poll tax special	63 00	143 49

Uncollected taxes as per collectors list:

Property tax	\$39 95	
Regular polls	8 00	
Special polls	12 00	59 95
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\$5,530 27

SUMMARY OF WARRANT—LEVY OF 1944

DR.

Uncollected balance as of Jan. 1, 1946:

Property tax	\$24 00
Poll tax regular	2 00
Poll tax special	3 00

 \$29 00

Added	3 00
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 \$32 00

Interest collected:

On pty. and regular polls	3 34
On special polls	07

Total debits	\$35 41
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CR.

Remitted to treasurer	\$35 41
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L. F. BRAGG,
Collector.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 1946

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1946	\$4,643 69
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Received from :

H. C. Metcalf, town clerk, dog account	317 88
H. C. Metcalf, town clerk, auto taxes	941 47
L. F. Bragg, tax collector, 1944 account	35 41
L. F. Bragg, tax collector , 1945 account	5,326 83
L. F. Bragg, tax collector, 1946 account	26,746 96
Selectmen, temporary loans	7,500 00
Selectmen, Long term note	5,187 00
Selectmen, bounties	113 50
Selectmen, rent of town hall	117 00
Selectmen, Crabtree estate	1,306 71
Selectmen, sale of observation post	100 00
Selectmen sale of old tractor	1,000 00
Selectmen, Savings Bank taxes	269 33
Selectmen, interest and dividends tax	991 38
Selectmen, rent of grader	368 00
Selectmen, Vilas estate	2,890 15
Selectmen, taxes redeemed	573 71
Selectmen, unclassified	514 71

Total receipts	\$58,943 73
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Selectmen's orders paid	50,186 11
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Cash on hand, January 1, 1947	\$8,757 62
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DON W. MOORE,
Treasurer.

We, the auditors of the Town of Alstead, have examined the account of the Town Treasurer, and find it correct with proper vouchers.

RICHARD G. BATH,
LEON M. TROW,

Town Auditors.

VILAS POOL ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Cash on hand, January 1, 1946	\$6,302 28
Received from Vilas estate	2,363 35
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Total receipts	\$8,665 63
Orders paid	2,980 49
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Balance January 1, 1947	\$5,685 14
Keene National Bank	\$1,463 46
Savings Bank Walpole	4,221 68
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	\$5,685 14

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

B. G. Dana, selectman, 1946	\$300 00
R. M. Brackett, selectman, 1946	300 00
B. H. Bragg, selectman, 1946	300 00
H. L. Estabrook, moderator	15 00
Don W. Moore, treasurer	200 00
Leon M. Trow, auditor	20 00
R. G. Bath, auditor	20 00
H. C. Metcalf, town clerk	150 00
L. F. Bragg, tax collector	300 00
B. H. Bragg, overseer poor	60 00

\$1,665 00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Postmaster, postage	\$12 50
Chase's Book Store, supplies	8 30
Maurice Pitcher, envelopes and printing	20 35
Don W. Moore, treasurers expense	4 93
H. C. Metcalf, town clerk expense	14 95
L. F. Bragg, postage	13 00
R. M. Brackett, files for inventories	2 00
L. M. Trow, auditors postage	1 24

\$77 27

POLICE DEPARTMENT

L. F. Bragg, services as police	\$22 15
W. C. Kelley, services as police	5 00
W. D. Hayes, services as police	5 00
Maurice C. Pitcher, services as police	51 89

\$84 04

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Amount raised	\$800 00
Received from State Treasurer, forest fires	82 26
Town of Langdon	58 00
Insurance on door damage	24 40

\$964 66

Paid:

V. Richard Chambers, extinguishers	\$32 85
Gordon Pratt	2 37
Socony Vacuum Oil Co.	9 28
David G. Deane, chimfix	4 18
Willard C. Kelley, care of fire truck	22 62
Fire Acct., Silas Angier place	26 66
Fire Acct., East Alstead, forest fire	152 53
Fire Acct., Silas Angier forest fire	32 74
State of N. H. Forest Dept., pumps	46 00
Nelson Burnham, wiring siren	21 82
Arthur Whitecomb, digging waterhole	135 75
Maurice Pitcher, supervising	12 00
Jackson's Garage, gas	1 25
Bragg Lumber Co., repairing door	12 40
Frank Dustin, transporting and hanging door	12 00
Fire Department, Spooner and Goodell fires	16 50
Arthur Knight, Goodell fire	10 50
Richard Jefts, Goodell fire	75
H. C. Metcalf, paint for fire house	6 89
Ralph B. Carter Co., No. D31282	8 05
Maurice Pitcher, notices to fire company	8 50
Fred Carman, digging water holes,	87 50
Arthur Whitcomb, digging waterholes	72 00
Granite State Electric Co.	12 00
Kane & Healy	80 08
Archers Hardware	1 30
Maurice Pitcher, services as fire warden	25 00
Alstead Garage, gas, oil, repairs	17 74
W. D. Hayes, services as fire warden	25 00
Leon Mousley, care waterholes	3 00

C. H. Metcalf, clerk of fire company	5 00
H. L. Estabrook, medical care	5 00
Frank Stanley, drills and fires	24 00
Leland Stanley, drills and fires	21 75
Richard Stanley, drills and fires	25 88
C. H. Metcalf, drills and fires	12 75
W. D. Hayes, drills and fires	3 00
Don W. Moore, drills and fires	23 63
H. L. Estabrook, drills and fires	24 00.
H. F. Muzzy, drills and fires	15 00
M. C. Pitcher, drills and fires	21 00
Robert Trask, drills and fires	16 88
Kenneth Hatch, drills and fires	11 25
Frank Dustin, drills and fires	12 00
George Bowhay, drills and fires	8 25
George Henry, drills and fires	12 38
D. Libby, drills and fires	8 25
Fred Carman, drills and fires	17 25
Nelson Burnham, drills and fires	6 00
Horace Jackson, drills and fires	4 50
Lee Mousley, drills and fires	6 00
Stanton Dennison, drills and fires	19 50
A. Comptois, drills and fires	15 75
L. F. Bragg, drills and fires	75
D. K. Libby, drills and fires	4 50
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	\$1,223 13
Due from Town Langdon	10 50
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	\$1,212 63
Overdraft	\$258 47

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Estimated Expenditures for 1947

Drills	\$100 00
Fires	250 00
Salaries	80 00
Hose	250 00
Model T repairs	175 00
Fuel	89 36

Insurance	12 50
Lights	12 00
Miscellaneous	31 14

Assessment required to meet fire department's budget	\$1,000 00
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STREET LIGHTS

Amount raised	\$850 00
Received from Vilas Pool, one light	15 00

 \$865 00

Amount paid	\$862 44
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TOWN POOR

Amount raised	\$500 00
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Paid out :

B. F. Ballou, goods for Clifford Burroughs	\$30 00
R. R. Winham, committing Clifford Burroughs	35 00
Maurice Pitcher, board, room, care, Rosalie Croto	19 00

 \$84 00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Amount raised	\$800 00
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Amount paid	\$781 90
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MEMORIAL

Amount raised	\$40 00
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Amount paid :

C. P. Britton Post, No. 57, flag	\$10 00
C. P. Britton Post, No. 57	40 00

 \$50 00

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Amount raised, \$100.00 to be used for equipment	\$200 00
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Paid :

H. D. Gale, labor and trees	\$110 00
Rev. Vernon Booker, for equipment	11 45

 \$121 45

\$88.55 held by selectmen for equipment

AUTO PERMITS

Paid H. C. Metcalf, issuing	\$96 50
Paid, H. C. Metcalf, overpayments 1945-1946	11 43

\$109 93

BOUNTIES

Paid	\$96 50
Amount due from state	\$96 50

DOGS

Received from H. C. Metcalf, licenses	\$317 88
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Paid:

Frank Monty, hens killed	\$16 50
H. C. Metcalf, dog tags	11 13
Maurice Pitcher, constable	10 00
H. C. Metcalf, over payment 1945	90

\$38 53

VITAL STATISTICS

Paid H. C. Metcalf	\$20 00
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PAID TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

County tax	\$1,543 59
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SPECIAL POLLS

\$403 17

INTEREST

Paid Conn. River National Bank	\$33 34
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UNCLASSIFIED

Paid:

Leon M. Trow, insurance	\$143 98
Maurice Pitcher, printing	35 60
B. H. Bragg, legal expense	3 00
Sentinel Printing Co., town reports	174 80
Ester G., list of deceased owners	40
R. M. Brackett, tax and road meetings and cash paid	21 07
B. G. Dana, tax and road meeting and cash paid	11 35
H. C. Metcalf, express on town reports	1 79
B. H. Bragg, labor on dump	5 00

Winfield M. Chaplin, transfer cards	24 20
Leon M. Trow, town officers bonds	71 00
C. F. Sinanton, tuning piano and repairs	19 50
State of N. H. pine blister rust control	314 02
Association of N. H. assessors dues	2 00
F. E. Monty, rent of dump	25 00
Shedd-Porter Library, water rent	25 00
L. F. Bragg, taxes bought by town	185 26
L. F. Bragg, cost tax sale	28 20
L. F. Bragg, discharging fee	2 00
Duble Test Supply Co., snow fence and posts	213 26
B. G. Dana, cash paid mowing Alstead Center Common	10 00
Edward Griffin, burning dump	10 00
N. H. City and Town Clerks Assoc., membership	2 00
B. H. Bragg, copying record book	10 00
B. H. Bragg, listing mortgages	6 31
H. C. Metcalf, supplies	50
R. M. Brackett, perambulating town lines	21 00
B. H. Bragg, perambulating town lines	21 00
B. G. Dana, perambulating town lines	21 00
Willard C. Kelley, care town car	2 75
The Monadnock Region	77 00
Maurice Pitcher, care and attempting to secure parts, town clock	10 00
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	\$1,497 99

VILAS POOL REPORT

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1946	\$6,302 28
Cash received from Vilas fund	2,363 35
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Total receipts	\$8,665 63

EXPENDITURES

Orders drawn by selectmen	2,980 49
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	\$5,685 14
Superintendent	\$696 00
Life Guard	405 00

Other help	998 86
Telephone and lights	133 84
Insurance	126 00
Other expense	620 79

\$2,980 14

Cash on hand December 31, 1946 \$5,685 14

T. R. A. ROADS

Amount due from state 1945	\$88 38
Amount raised by state 1946,	2,435 01
Amount raised by town 1946	608 75

\$3,132 14

Paid state treasurer	\$608 75
Amount of states appropriation and cash on hand	2,523 39

\$3,132 14

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Paid :

Roy H. Buss, supervisor	\$45 00
Earl M. Pitcher, supervisor	45 00
B. R. Taylor, supervisor	45 00
Herbert D. Gale, ballot clerk	8 00
Guy S. Neal, ballot clerk	8 00
Leon M. Trow, ballot clerk	8 00
John H. Allen, ballot clerk	8 00
H. C. Hetcalf, postage on ballots to Concord	3 54

\$170 54

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

Amount raised for painting and repairing town hall	\$600 00
Received from outing club, for 1945	17 00
Received from selectmen	5 00
Received from I. O. O. F.	5 00
Received from A. B. Lufkin	50 00

\$717 00

Paid:

Stevan Ponck, wood	\$10 00
B. H. Bragg, cash paid Elmer Henry	1 30
R. M. Brackett, wood and lumber	63 64
Floyd B. Rhoads, wood	12 00
Don W. Moore, supplies	92
H. L. Estabrook, supplies	5 42
New England Telephone Co.	8 05
Granite State Electric Co.	35 35
A. B. Lufkin, janitor	75 00
H. K. Brown, windows	4 00
Stanton Denerson, repairing plaster	15 00
Hugh Clark, repairing tramp house	56 25
H. C. Metcalf, nails	90
H. B. Lane, paint and labor	550 00
Archers Hardware	2 10
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	\$839 93

CEMETERIES

Amount raised \$300 00

Paid:

E. A. Parker, repairing water pipe	\$18 50
Frank E. Clark, labor	152 50
Leon M. Trow, labor and cash paid	95 00
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	\$266 00

ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOLS

Balance due school district 1945	\$9,805 08	
Amount raised	16,602 74	
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	\$26,407 82	
Paid school treasurer		\$22,805 08
Due 1946 dog tax	379 35	
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	\$26,787 17	
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Amount due school district		\$3,982 09

ROAD GRADER

Paid:

From road appropriation	\$1,500 05
Sale of tractor	1,000 00
Loan from Walpole Bank	5,187 00
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Delivered price	\$7,687 05

RECEIVED ON TEMPORARY LOANS

Conn. River National Bank	\$7,500 00
Paid Conn. River National Bank	\$2,500 00
Balance due	5,000 00

S. O. A. ROAD NOTE

Paid	\$1,158 34
Balance due	\$2,579 13

TOWN ROADS

Amount raised town road work	\$6,000 00
Tarvia	1,400 00
Received from F. W. Whitcomb, use of grader	368 00
Received from Arthur Knight, culverts	24 96
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	\$7,792 96
Orders drawn by selectmen	\$6,947 76
Unused balance	\$845 20

BURTON G. DANA,
ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
BENJAMIN H. BRAGG,
Selectmen of Alstead.

We hereby certify that we examined the accounts of the
Selectmen and find them correct with proper vouchers.

RICHARD G. BATH
LEON M. TROW,

Auditors.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

1946

JANUARY

R. A. Carman, labor	\$21 70
Arthur Whitcomb, compressor and dynamite	8 63
F. Carman, plowing and sanding	112 30
Clark Wilcox Co., sander tires	18 53
Archers Hardware, wire for snow fence	7 25
Earl Miller, labor	34 65

FEBRUARY

F. Carman, plowing snow	221 95
George Henry, labor	7 00
George Woodell, labor	4 20
Robert Trask, labor	39 90
Walter Smith, labor	32 20
F. Carman, plowing and sanding	173 30
Robert Trask, labor	35 70
Walter L. Smith, labor	35 00
F. Carman, plowing and sanding	77 80
Robert Trask, labor	43 40
Walter L. Smith, labor	39 90
F. Carman, plowing and sanding	191 95

MARCH

Walter L. Smith, labor	38 85
Robert Trask, labor	44 10
F. Carman, plowing snow	120 05
Harold Lund, plowing road	18 00
Archers Hardware, paint	2 35
Raymond Buckley, plowing snow	110 00
Walter L. Smith, labor	28 70
Robert Trask, labor	39 20
R. A. Carman, labor	26 60
F. Carman, plowing and patrolling roads	34 60

Town of Walpole, thawing culverts	5 15
F. Carman, plowing	26 00
Kate Gorham, painting signs	10 00
Robert Trask, labor	30 80

APRIL

Robert Trask, labor	35 00
F. Carman, truck—grading	23 45
Walter Smith, labor	38 15
Robert Trask, labor	32 20
Frank Luksevish, labor	1 40
F. Carman, shovel and truck	199 70
Harold Grant, truck	32 40
Walter L. Smith, labor	40 60
Robert Trask, labor	42 00
Gordon Gowen, truck	3 50
Harold Grant, truck	95 40
R. J. McKenven, truck	28 80
F. Carman, truck and shovel	345 60

MAY

Robert Trask, labor	26 95
Archers Hardware, small tools	9 96
Burton Dana, gravel	26 60
F. Carman, truck	72 70

JUNE

Harold Grant, truck	22 05
Joe Luksevich, truck	26 40
Arthur Pelton, truck	24 00
Harold Sanders, truck	56 70
C. J. LaFrank, tractor	6 00
F. Carman, truck and shovel	110 60

JULY

Town of Walpole, trucks, sander and labor, tarring	78 63
R. J. McKenven, truck	61 20
Pete Murray, truck	25 20
Vermont Sand & Gravel Co., sand	40 60
F. Carman, truck and shovel	437 50
Harold Lund, bill, repairing culverts	21 80

Harvey Pratt, dragging road	30 00
Sidney Harris, bridge plank	21 60
Coppers Co., tar	136 50
Town of Walpole, tar	273 00
Walter L. Smith, labor	38 85
Joe, Luksevich, truck	13 20
Harold Sanders, truck	25 20
R. J. McKenven, truck	42 00
Robert Trask, labor, operating grader	52 27
R. A. Carman, labor	18 90
F. Carman, truck and fuel oil for grader	110 80
Arthur Whitcomb, cold patch	17 33
Hedge & Matheis Co., 2 brooms	2 80
Casellini Venable Corp, cutting edges for grader	15 66

AUGUST

E. A. Parker, pipe fittings	2 21
Treas. State of N. H., chloride	21 50
Town of Walpole, truck	22 80
Town of Charlestown, truck	12 00
Burton Dana, gravel	15 20
Joe Wilkes, gravel	9 60
F. Carman, truck and shovel	40 00

OCTOBER

Town of Walpole, labor	4 75
W. R. Burroughs, bridge plank	16 92
Robert Trask, labor	43 35
F. Carman, bulldozer and truck	72 88

NOVEMBER

Arthur Marx, truck	15 00
George Peck, truck	12 10
Hedge & Matheis Co., bill	4 08
Markham Bros., bridge plank	23 10
Robert Trask, labor	57 80
F. Carman, truck and shovel and labor	84 15

DECEMBER

Rice's, chains for grader	97 49
New Eng. Metal Culvert Co., culverts	119 02
F. Carman, truck	56 87
Robert Trask, labor	28 00
R. A. Carman, labor	12 60
Morris Ring, Jr., labor	23 80
Turner Bellows, plowing snow	42 00
F. Carman, plowing snow	111 08

 \$5,447 71

Casillini-Venable Corp, grader	1,500 05
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 \$6,947 76

Received from Arthur Knight, culverts	\$24 96
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Received of F. W. Whitcomb, rental of grader	368 00
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 \$392 96

SUMMARY

Amount raised	\$7,400 00
Orders drawn	6,947 76

 \$452 24

Credits	392 96
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Unused balance	\$845 20
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FRED G. CARMAN,
Road Agent.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

January 1, 1947

Name of Fund	Principal	Dividend	Expended Library	Expended Schools	Expended Cemetery	Balance
Warren Monument Fund	\$5,262 00	\$129 83		\$129 83		
Shedd-Porter Library	75,625 85	2,798 44	\$2,798 44			
Kimball Library Fund	2,465 19	56 20	56 20			
Carpenter Library Fund	500 00	12 57	12 57			
C. F. Warren Library Fund	5,650 00	141 24	141 24			
Kingsbury School Fund	606 00	12 12		12 12		
Cemetery Trust Funds	38,460 00	959 75			\$464 60	\$2,409 67

ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
H. L. ESTABROOK,
DON W. MOORE,

Trustees of Trust Funds.

We, the auditors of the town of Alstead have examined the accounts of the Trustees of Trust Funds of Alstead and find them correct.

RICHARD G. BATH,
LEON M. TROW,

Auditors.

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Name of Fund	Principal	Overdrawn	Balance	Dividend	Expended	Balance	Overdrawn
Holbrook	\$200 00	\$4 55		\$5 00	\$1 25		\$ 80
Wells & Smith	510 00		09	12 75	12 00	84	
Edith Kimball	200 00		45	5 00	5 45		
Gibson	100 00	1 28		2 50	2 50		1 28
Browne	500 00		1 97	12 50	12 00	2 47	
Lovell	200 00		3 95	5 00	7 00	1 95	
Elwell	100 00	1 28		2 50	2 50		1 28
Porter							
(Wentworth)	100 00	2 78		2 50	2 50		2 78
Banks	100 00	28		2 50	2 50		28
J. C. Kimball	500 00		54	12 50	12 00	1 04	
Mary A.							
Dinsmore	100 00	78		2 50	2 50		78
Milliken	100 00	6 28		2 50	2 50		6 28
Shepard	100 00	78		2 50	2 50		78
Hatch (Graves)	100 00	78		2 50	2 50		78
Emerson	100 00	1 78		2 50	2 50		1 78
Breed (Green)	100 00	4 28		2 50	2 50		4 28
Wood	100 00	78		2 50	2 50		78
Smith	200 00	55		5 00	5 00		55
Glover	100 00	78		2 50	2 50		78
Fay	100 00		31	2 50	2 50	31	
W. W. Dinsmore	100 00	28		2 50	2 50		28
Blake	100 00	78		2 50	2 50		78
Proctor (Meriam)	100 00	2 28		2 50	2 50		2 28
Vine Porter	200 00		2 54	5 00	4 00	3 54	
Fred L. Prentiss	100 00	5 28		2 50	2 50		5 28
Charles E. Cook	100 00	2 78		2 50	2 50		2 78
Patridge	100 00	28		2 50	2 50		28
Rogers	100 00	28		2 50	2 50		28
Colburn	250 00	4 69		6 25	4 00		2 44
Lucy Porter	100 00	28		2 50	2 50		28
Belt (French)	100 00	13 44		2 50	2 50		13 44
Chandler	100 00	78		2 50	2 50		78
Vilas	1,000 00	70 05		25 00	10 00		55 05
Wallace	100 00	2 78		2 50	2 50		2 78
Eveline A. Hatch	200 00	4 36		5 00	2 50		1 86
Charles H. Cook	100 00	44		2 50	2 50		44
John V. Green	100 00		2 19	2 50	2 50	2 19	
Harlon P. Ware	300 00		3 17	7 50	5 00	5 67	
Marshall F.							
Bragg	100 00		2 56	2 50	2 50	2 56	
William Cheever	100 00	28		2 50	2 50		28
Samuel Watts	100 00	28		2 50	2 50		28
Charles E. Kent	200 00		3 90	5 00	5 00	3 90	
Charles L. Linsley	100 00	7 28		2 50	2 50		7 28
Arthur E. Wilder	200 00	10 36		5 00	5 00		10 36
George Newell	100 00	28		2 50	2 50		28

Name of Fund	Principal	Overdrawn	Balance	Dividend	Expended	Balance	Overdrawn
John S. Chivers	100 00	4 78		2 50	2 50		4 78
Mary Ellen Hills	100 00	4 32		2 50	2 50		4 32
Burge-Stillings	100 00	2 57		2 50	2 50		2 57
John R. Jefts	100 00	1 32		2 50	2 50		1 32
Charles E. Ellis	100 00	11 57		2 50	2 50		11 57
Wilder Brothers	6,000 00		514 29	150 00	71 05	593 24	
Mary J. Elliott	10,000 00		686 94	250 00	83 60	853 34	
Hiram E. Page	100 00	28		2 50	2 50		28
Frank E. Trow	100 00	28		2 50	2 50		28
Amy V. Bonticou	600 00		4 40	15 00	12 00	7 40	
J. Franklin Weaver	100 00	28		2 50	2 50		28
Hattie J. Mitchell	500 00		5 97	12 50	12 00	6 47	
Ryder-Clark	100 00	78		2 50	2 50		78
George & Nancy Wilder	10,000 00		791 01	250 00	17 00	1,024 01	
John H. Allen	100 00		97	2 50	2 50	97	
Hovey-Allison	100 00	03		2 50	2 50		03
Harlan J. Pratt	100 00	53		2 50	2 50		53
David Clay	100 00		97	2 50	2 50	97	
Miller Fund	200 00		1 95	5 00	5 00	1 95	
Willis E. Crabtree	500 00		28 87	12 50	5 00	36 37	
George E. Porter	100 00		97	2 50	2 50	97	
George E. Cater	100 00		97	2 50	2 50	97	
Newell-McLane	100 00		97	2 50	2 50	97	
W. F. Gilman	100 00		97	2 50	2 50	97	
Elizabeth A. Mitchell	11,200 00		1 95	5 00	5 00	1 95	
Heywood Fund	100 00		2 22	2 50	2 50	2 22	
Elmer B. Rhodes	100 00		1 72	2 50	3 00	1 22	
Milton C. Dodge	100 00		2 22	2 50	2 50	2 22	
William G. Baer	200 00		5 45	5 00	4 00	6 45	
Washburn-Sevrens	200 00			5 00	5 00		
Walter E. Wilson	100 00			1 75	1 75		
Herbert W. Greene	100 00			2 00	2 00		
Milan F. Greene	100 00			2 00	2 00		
Warren Monument fund			21 00		21 00		
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	\$38,460 00	180 96	2,095 48	959 75	464 60	2,567 13	157 46
			180 96	1,914 52	2,409 67	157 46	
			\$1,914 52	2,874 27	2,874 27	2,409 67	

Cash on hand pending acceptance by the town for the
Gowan-Dickey, Harry W. Jewett and Oliver
Pratt funds

500 00

Cash on hand January 1, 1947

2,909 67

ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
H. L. ESTABROOK,
DON W. MOORE,
Trustees of Trust Funds.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE
SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
FOR 1946**

RECEIPTS

From Shedd-Porter fund	\$2,798 44
From water rents	181 00
From interest on bonds	25 00
From sale of books	9 35
From Warren fund	141 24
From Kimball fund	56 20
From Carpenter fund	12 57
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	\$3,223 80
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1946	2,757 56
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	\$5,981 56

PAYMENTS

Salaries:	
Librarian	\$780 00
Librarian assistant, East Alstead and Alstead	26 00
Janitor	360 00
Treasurer	35 00
Books	\$1,201 00
Magazines	619 24
Fuel	118 00
Telephone	253 89
Lights	52 75
	40 87
Unclassified:	
Paid withholding tax	\$3 90
Paid H. C. Metcalf, paint and supplies	16 02
Paid H. L. Estabrook, supplies	8 36
Paid Gaylord Brothers	9 10

Paid Maud Edney, filing	2	50	
Paid Edna Reeder, story hour	5	00	
Paid Henry Hartwell, repairs to lawn mower	4	50	
Paid Maurice Pitcher, printing	5	50	
Paid Archer Hardware, electric fixtures and supplies	19	45	
Paid Eva Hitchcock, cleaning	13	75	
Paid James Brooks, work on wall and water	11	50	
Paid Henry Pederson, painting	-	182	80
Paid E. A. Parker, repairs and work on water	50	20	
Paid Mary Whitton, cleaning	4	00	
Paid Stally's Garage		75	
Paid C. J. Newell, repairs and work on water at Neal's	7	55	
Paid C. J. Newell, paid for work and repairs Dana's	12	00	856 88
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			\$2,142 63
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1946			2,838 93
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			\$5,981 56

Additional assets:

U. S. "G" bonds	\$1,000	00
In Savings bank at Walpole	3,370	63
In Charlestown bank	100	00

C. J. NEWELL,

Treasurer.

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We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Library Trustees and find them correct with proper vouchers.

R. G. BATH,
L. M. TROW,

Auditors.

SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY 1946

Nov.	1	Paid Manchester Union	\$10 00
Nov.	8	Paid Granite State Electric Co.	4 65
Nov.	9	Paid New England News Co.	45 22
Nov.	9	Paid telephone	8 06
Nov.	11	Paid Mrs. Clifford Burroughs	10 00
Nov.	12	Paid H. C. Metcalf	1 75
Nov.	14	Paid Mary Whitton	4 00
Nov.	16	Paid Laura L. MacLane	30 00
Nov.	21	Paid Westminster Press	3 85
Nov.	30	Paid Laura L. MacLane	30 00
Nov.	30	Paid Walter Rogers	30 00
Nov.	30	Paid New England News Co.	80 55
Dec.	12	Paid Yankee Magazine	2 00
Dec.	12	Paid National Geographic Society	5 00
Dec.	12	Paid Savings Bank of Walpole	500 00
Dec.	14	Paid Laura L. MacLane	30 00
Dec.	17	Paid The Brown Book	1 00
Dec.	17	Paid H. L. Estabrook	37
Dec.	17	Paid C. J. Newell	47 00
Dec.	28	Paid Laura L. MacLane	30 00
Dec.	28	Paid telephone	8 24
Dec.	31	Paid Walter Rogers	30 00

Received from Shedd-Porter fund	\$2,798 44	\$3,142 63
Received from water rents	181 00	
Received from interest and books	25 00	
Received from sale of books	9 35	
Received from Warren fund	141 24	
Received from Kimball fund	56 20	
Received from Carpenter fund	12 57	

	\$3,223 80	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1946	2,757 76	

	\$5,981 56	
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1947		2,838 93
		<hr/> \$5,981 56

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

As your librarian, I hereby submit my first annual report.

During the months of January, February and March, Miss Edna Reeder conducted a story hour for children on Saturday afternoons.

Pupils of the schools have used the library for reference work and for book reports. A shelf of books was set aside for the science classes of the high school.

The quiz program on the WKNE radio has stimulated interest in many subjects. Because of this people have come to consult the magazines and encyclopedias.

During the summer months many of our summer residents took advantage of the opportunities offered by our library and we had many visitors who admired our building.

The appearance of our building was greatly improved by new paint on the woodwork around the windows and two coats of varnish on the doors.

I am pleased to report that our circulation of books and magazines during July and August was higher than it has been for five years.

All pupils through the first eight grades visited the library during Book Week. Mrs. Edith Chase interested the children of the first and second grades with her readings. The librarian talked to the other grades about Mr. Shedd and the care of the library, and read selections from some of the new books.

Number of books added by purchase	333
Number of books added by gifts	9
Number of magazines received	44
Daily paper	1
Weekly paper	2

RECORD OF CIRCULATION FOR BOOKS AND
MAGAZINES

Fiction	4,591
Non-fiction	1,212
Juvenile	1,645
Magazines	2,694
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Total	10,824

Respectfully submitted,
LAURA N. MacLANE,
Librarian.

ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board: Mrs. Mary C. Burroughs, Chairman; Miss Maybelle Still, Gilman Ellis.

Moderator: Benjamin Bragg.

Clerk: Edith Chase.

Treasurer: H. L. Estabrook.

Auditor: Leon M. Trow.

Superintendent: Theron B. Thompson, Walpole.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district in the town of Alstead qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said district, on the 11th of March, 1947 at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board and truant officers, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent in the district.
6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose agents, auditors, and committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

9. To see if the district will vote to continue the building committee, and authorize them to select a site, and present plans and specifications for an elementary school house at the next annual meeting.

10. To see if the district will vote to authorize the building committee to enter into a contract and receive funds from the federal government for the preparation of plans and specifications for a new elementary school house.

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Alstead, the 24th day of February.

MRS. MARY C. BURROUGHS,
MISS MAYBELLE STILL,
GILMAN ELLIS,

School Board.

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

MRS. MARY C. BURROUGHS,
MISS MAYBELLE STILL,
GILMAN ELLIS,

School Board.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

For the Year Ending June 30, 1946

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand	\$7,430 58
Federal aid for vocational education	1,415 59
Equalization fund for elementary schools (from state)	5,050 45
Other obligations imposed by law or established by district	15,467 55
Dog licenses	337 53
Elementary school tuitions	818 00
High school tuitions	3,596 45
Income from local trust funds	4,504 01
Other receipts	149 55

\$38,769 71

PAYMENTS

Salaries of district officers,	\$300 00
Superintendent's salary	451 34
School census	10 00
Expenses of administration	193 00
Teachers' salaries	17,251 83
Text books	499 00
Scholars supplies	525 07
Flags	5 32
Expenses of instruction	255 68
Janitor service	1,823 75
Fuel	1,107 96
Water, light and janitor supplies	576 42
Minor repairs	1,572 73
Health supervision	350 00
Transportation of pupils	5,256 41
Elementary school tuition	320 00
Other special activities	164 32

Tax for state wide supervision	310 00
Insurance	601 54
New equipment	465 23
Lawton House	139 81
Teachers retirement	25 67
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Total payments	\$32,305 08
Cash on hand June 30, 1946	6,564 63
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	\$38,769 71

ITEMIZED REPORT

Salaries of district officers:

Gilman Ellis	\$73 00
Mary C. Burroughs	73 00
Maybelle H. Still	100 00
H. L. Estabrook	50 00
Leon M. Trow	4 00
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	\$300 00

Salaries of principal and teachers:

Daniel Metcalf	\$2,505 60
Donald Harmon	790 00
Grete Meienborn	1,214 60
Gretchen Ray	1,294 50
Jean Kelliher	1,294 50
Ruth Wilson	1,373 60
Madeline Merrill	462 30
Mae Dennison	1,146 40
Virginia Spaulding	1,101 91
Laura Edney	1,283 85
Mildred Moulthrop	1,250 85
Margaret Haynes	611 10
Martin Mitchell	814 00
Ruth Bowhay	25 00
Internal Revenue Collector	2,083 62
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	\$17,251 83

Janitor service :

Willard Kelley	\$1,546 20
Clifford Marvin	240 00
Margaret Haynes	12 50
Joyce Willis	11 25
Collector of Internal Revenue	13 80

 \$1,823 75

Fuel :

Cota & Cota	\$722 52
William Lamb	100 00
Howard Hardware	220 55
Prentiss Haines	48 00
Carroll E. Hatch	21 20

 \$1,112 27

Transportation of pupils :

John Allen	\$1,330 00
Harold Lund	525 00
Hugh Clark	700 00
Jesse Grout	700 00
Hermon Britton	570 00
Clifford Wheeler	519 00
Mrs. Fred Rice	100 80
Lawrence Pickett	247 50
Harold Pierce, Ins.	37 00
Keating Insurance	83 31
Ralph Haskin	54 00
Hugh Talbot	389 80

 \$5,256 41

REPORT OF DISTRICT SCHOOL TREASURER

July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946

RECEIPTS

Received from selectmen, town appropriation	\$15,467 55
Received from dog tax, 1945	337 53
Received from trustees of trust funds, Warren fund,	108 85
Received from trustees of trust funds, Kingsbury fund	12 14
Received from trustees of Vilas fund	4,383 02
Received from federal grants	740 67
Received from state treasurer	5,050 45
Received from Langdon tuition	1,164 30
Received from Acworth tuition	2,612 77
Received from Marlow tuition	761 30
Received from Stoddard tuition	120 00
Received from Gilsum tuition	160 00
Received from other tuition	271 00
Received from all other sources	149 55
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	\$31,339 13
Cash on hand June 30, 1945	7,430 58
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Total amount available for fiscal year	\$38,769 71
Less school board orders paid	32,205 08
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Balance on hand June 30, 1946	\$6,564 63

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Alstead of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946 and find them correct in all respects.

LEON M. TROW,
Auditor.

July 20, 1946

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1947-48

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

School District of Alstead

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1947.

Support of schools:

	1946-47 Budget		1947-48	
	High	Elem.	High	Elem.
Teachers' salaries	\$10,165 00	\$9,990 00	\$12,105 00	\$10,305 00
Scholars' supplies	295 00	230 00	295 00	230 00
Textbooks	175 00	175 00	250 00	150 00
Flags	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00
Other expenses of instruction	50 00	35 00	200 00	50 00
Janitor service	1,220 00	647 00	1,295 00	661 00
Fuel	720 00	580 00	720 00	580 00
Water, light, etc.	440 00	360 00	440 00	360 00
Minor repairs	450 00	250 00	500 00	250 00
Health service	60 00	300 00	210 00	220 00
Transportation		4,950 00	200 00	5,800 00
Elementary tuition		148 00		185 00
Special activities	60 00	40 00	60 00	40 00
Totals	\$13,645 00	\$17,710 00	\$16,285 00	\$18,836 00

Other statutory requirements:

	1946-47	1947-48
Salaries of district officers	\$300 00	\$300 00
Census	10 00	10 00
Superintendent's salary	535 00	576 00
Per capita tax	324 00	328 00
Other obligations	800 00	*1,152 00
Total budget	\$33,324 00	\$37,487 00

*Includes \$300.00 for teachers' retirement assessment.

Estimated income of district:

	1946-47	1947-48
Federal aid, estimate	\$1,100 00	\$700 00
State aid	4,957 26	4,957 00
Dog tax	150 00	200 00
Trust funds	4,500 00	4,500 00
High school tuitions	2,600 00	4,500 00
Elementary tuitions	750 00	800 00
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Total estimated income	\$14,057 26	\$15,657 00
To be raised by taxation	\$16,266 74	\$21,830 00

Salary increases have been met in part by an adjustment made in December. The budget represents a sum sufficient to allow increases to all the teachers another year to keep them within the average range for schools of our size.

The increase in other expenses of instruction is to pay service charges on correspondence courses taken by pupils in high school. This work is carried on in cooperation with the State Board of Education and the University of Nebraska, and allows pupils to carry courses not offered here because of limited demand or insufficient teaching staff.

The transportation budget is the actual cost of carrying children at the present time.

Last year there was a balance of \$3,000.00 we could credit against taxation. We do not anticipate any balance this year.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Alstead:

I herewith submit my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools:

Considerable concern is being shown throughout the nation over the shortage of capable teachers for our schools. Practically every magazine and daily paper has articles stressing the major causes and outlining methods of alleviating the condition. If the public had been willing to recognize this problem a generation ago we might have sufficient teachers today to fill all our classrooms.

The teacher-situation in New Hampshire is worse than last year, and the outlook for the future is no better. Only a few prospective teachers are enrolled at the Teachers' Colleges, despite large numbers in attendance.

The State Board of Education is sponsoring a new State Aid plan which should, if passed by the legislature, do much to relieve the towns of excessive property taxation for school purposes. The plan has been presented to our public press and should be familiar to every citizen.

Last February we were able to obtain Mr. Martin Mitchell as teacher of agriculture, science, and shop. He has been able to build up this department a great deal. Miss Spaulding resigned at the end of the year and her place has been taken by Mrs. Ball, an excellent teacher of considerable experience.

The transportation system has been revised and strengthened by a large bus from East Alstead bringing in the older children on that road and Alstead Center.

Your committee elected at last year's district meeting to study the grammar school needs, has been active all year. A trip was made last spring to inspect a number of modern buildings similar to your needs in Alstead. The committee has investigated possible sites for a new building, and will make a report at the district meeting.

SUMMARY OF ENROLLMENT, JANUARY 7, 1947

Vilas High School	99
Vilas Junior High	45
Village Primary 1-2	22
Village Elementary 3-4	23
Village Elementary 5-6	22
East Alstead	17
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	228

Tuition pupils are enrolled as follows:

	High	Junior High	Elementary
Acworth	29	13	2
Langdon	17	3	8
Marlow	10	0	
Stoddard	2	0	
Drewsville	0	3	
Gilsum	2	0	
Lempster	1	0	
Charlestown	3	0	
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Total	64	19	10

Elementary pupils enrolled in schools outside the district:

Gilsum village	5
Drewsville	1
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Total	6

HEALTH

Health inspection showed the following defects:

227 pupils were inspected.

15 pupils were underweight.

12 pupils showed defective vision—uncorrected.

153 pupils were in need of dental care.

10 pupils were advised nose and throat examination by a physician.

1 pupil was unvaccinated without proper excuse.

Third grade and new pupils were given audiometer test—these pupils showed normal hearing.

Toxoid cines were held April 19th and May 20th 1946. 65 pupils were inoculated.

A dental clinic was held March 4th to 11th, 1946. Work was done as follows:

Number of pupils treated	42
Number of pupils having teeth cleaned	26
Number of pupils having silver fillings	58
Number of pupils having porcelain fillings	21
Number of pupils having extractions	13
57 pupils had their teeth cared for by their own dentist.	
5 pupils had tonsil operations	
7 pupils had special eye examinations and defects corrected.	

VILAS HIGH SCHOOL REPORT 1946

Eleven students were graduated last June. One is attending Keene Teachers College, three boys entered the armed forces, two are married and five are working.

Classes have contributed to the Junior Red Cross, and Polio. They have also carried on their weekly savings.

The Vilas High School basketball team was invited for the third time in succession to represent this area in the Class C tournament held at Durham. The team was eliminated in its initial game to Henniker High School coached by "Widgy" Mitchell, a graduate of Vilas. Bronze charms were awarded to each boy.

The Seniors journeyed to Canobie Lake, Salem, New Hampshire for their class trip.

The Vilas touch football team won ten football games last fall and are undefeated in this sport for four years.

There are several clubs in existence in this school. Home Economics Club, Future Farmers of America, Forensic Club, Vilas Athletic Association, Girls Council and Vilas Lettermen's Association.

Several students are taking correspondence courses through the University of Nebraska Extension Service. Courses being taken are: Latin, Spanish, Mechanical Drawing, Automotive Mechanics, Sketching, and Gasoline Engines.

For the first time credit is given to each student taking a music subject. One-quarter point credit may be received for each of the following: special chorus, band, orchestra, and the newly organized boy's chorus. These classes meet the required number of periods a week, passing state requirements.

Individual periods are available for students who wish instruction on instruments.

This year a joint Christmas Concert was held with Walpole, this combining the musical talents and giving the students opportunity to show their abilities in performance.

The annual operetta is planned and on Memorial Day the band takes part in services.

Early last spring both the high school and junior high girls joined with the boys in presenting a Parents' Night program of physical education activities which included gymnastics and folk dancing. At the close of the basketball season the girls invited a group of Walpole High School girls to participate in a basketball play-day.

A new archery set was used for the first time during the spring out-door program with an enthusiastic group enjoying the sport. Tennis classes were supplemented by a mixed doubles elimination tournament conducted during the noon activity period, and a third group of girls played softball. The aim of this varied program is to provide an opportunity for each girl to find a place in an activity interesting to her and thus benefit from participation in recreational sports.

The winter program has been further broadened by the addition of a badminton set to our equipment.

The fall out-door activities culminated in a play-day with forty-five girls from three other schools joining the Vilas girls in a schedule of archery, tennis, and soccer.

The girls' council members worked with the Lettermen's Association in sponsoring the annual fall A. A. Dance.

During the spring term of '46 and fall of '47 the commercial students spent some time in learning the operation of and in transcribing at the dictaphone.

Since many of the students look for personal use of the business subjects as well as for vocational efficiency, they typed papers for classes, recipes, menus, personal letters, and letters for other students and teachers. Likewise, in book-keeping, the students planned household and personal budgets and records for keeping them.

In addition to doing the office work for the school, the commercial students learned to cut stencils properly and to operate the Mimeograph efficiently by typing the Vernacular, School Chatter, and programs for the Plays, Fair, and other school entertainments.

On February 2, 1946 eight students representing Vilas attended the annual practice debate tournament held at Laconia High School. Here they not only entered in several contests, but also received the experience of judging and presiding as chairmen over a debate that occurred between two schools other than their own.

Again in the English classes this year public speaking has been stressed. In an oratorical contest sponsored by the Department of Americanism and conducted by the American Legion everyone was requested either to submit a written essay or to be prepared to give a ten minute speech on some individually selected phase of the Constitution of the United States.

Two students were then selected from each of the four senior high classes to speak on their chosen subjects at a special assembly with three guests from the town as judges.

The winner of this contest then proceeded at a later date to enter the county contest which was held at the Keene High School. Here he delivered only his oration but also an extemporaneous speech based on one of the amendments of the Constitution.

In an essay contest based on the Constitution and other events of history sponsored by the American Legion we were very pleased to have three of our students win prizes for their creative work.

We wish to thank the Legion for inspiring these young people to place their aims and ambitions on a higher level, and for helping in part to achieve them.

Because so much responsibility is placed upon every high school graduate, for their theme the class of 1946 chose "The Builders of Tomorrow." In this, four individuals representing the youth of today attempt to make their world a safer and saner place by intelligent thinking and planning toward a desired goal.

"The Foundation—the Builder," "The Structure—Science," "The Content—Culture," and "The Roof—Education" were essays written and delivered by the four honor students who aimed to pave the way for other ambitious, young Americans.

In order to illustrate each topic four tableaux were presented.

A typical high school boy, dreaming over his school books, sees himself garbed in cap and gown with a diploma in his hand. At his feet are three lovely maidens dressed in red, white, and blue representing courage, chastity and virtue; these are the three most important factors needed in the character building of this young individual.

In order to be a "whole man" he must have a well-rounded education; the first requisite of culture is music. In this tableau a young student holding a violin is patiently receiving guidance and instruction from his teacher.

One must have an occupation, and as the field of science offers so many opportunities, the young student sees a laboratory; a scientist clad in white is discussing a new experiment with his assistant.

In the last tableau the young student has discarded his books and desk and has joined his fellow classmates in an attempt to make his dreams a living actuality.

Clad in caps and gowns he and two others, in hope that someone else may see it and be inspired, hold very proudly their motto, "What we are to be we are becoming."

Because of the ever-increasing interest in books and their authors, we wish to again thank the librarian for the use of the library and its facilities.

This year we began work in vocational agriculture with 32 boys enrolled. Since this figure comes to nearly 70% of the boys enrolled in the high school we were very pleased with the result. There were three seniors, eight juniors, eight sophomores and twelve freshmen; who were representing Charlestown, Langdon, Marlow, Acworth, Gilsun, Lempster and of course Alstead.

The boys were hardly back in school before they had to go to work on the Cheshire Fair exhibit. They co-operated with the Walpole boys in exhibiting their products. The poultry, livestock and vegetable exhibits were the main points of interest, with the poultry exhibit the largest and best in several years according to the judges. Plans have been made to have larger exhibits next fall, with more interest in poultry and livestock exhibits.

The annual school fair was sponsored October 10 by the agriculture and home economics classes with the fullest co-operation and support of the rest of the school. This year the poultry exhibit received the most emphasis; the boys having nearly fifty cages of hens, turkeys, ducks and geese. The plans have been made to enlarge their livestock exhibit next year, and perhaps add a horse pulling contest.

The interscholastic judging contest was not held this year at the University of New Hampshire due to the very crowded conditions at the College. The boys were very disappointed, but Mr. Little, the School Supervisor of Agriculture, tells us that something of the same nature of this contest will be carried on in the near future.

The Vilas Chapter of Future Farmers of America have been becoming increasingly more active this past year. Last spring three of the boys attended the Granite State Meeting held in Warner, New Hampshire. The organization raised enough money this year to pay half fare, \$96.00 toward sending two boys, Fred Putnam and Herbert Holmes to the National

F. F. A. Victory Convention held in Kansas City, Missouri. One boy, Ralph Balla, paid his own way and reported the trip very much worth the expense. This trip gave the boys a chance to meet and share their experiences with farm boys of their own age from every state in the Union.

They saw among other things the famous American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City. Swifts Plant, the Chicago stock yards and the world famous Chicago Museum of Natural History. Next year the F. F. A. boys hope to be able to pay half the expenses of at least four boys on this most worthwhile trip.

On January 10th, the F. F. A. held a turkey banquet with several well known speakers, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Ahern, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Cole addressing about 70 boys, their fathers and friends. The food was prepared and served in an excellent manner by the Home Economics Department. This event has been planned as an annual affair; by which a closer understanding and co-operative spirit may be developed between the boys in the Agriculture Department, their fathers and farmers in the community.

The class room work this fall has followed a four year plan of work enabling the boys to become increasingly familiar and proficient with the problems facing the farmers of this area. The junior and senior classes have made several visits to local farms and one trip to Hartland, Vermont to see the Vermont jersey cattle show. A visit was made in Claremont to see a new type insilage harvester. More field trips are planned for the spring months. The material for class room work is not taken exclusively from text books, as was once the case, but rather from a combination of text books, magazine articles, reports from the United States Department of Agriculture, the Agricultural College at Durham, moving pictures, ideas gained from successful farmers in the community and many other sources too numerous to mention. The farm work shop is an important part of the over all success of the farm, so the school farm shop program is conducted with special attention to preparing the boys so that they may build certain small units, repair, and recondition the endless amount of farm machinery

the modern farmer has and even make alterations on the farm building. This past year has seen doodle bug tractors, chicken hoppers, at least two 18 foot tractor trailers, wheel barrows, single trees and eveners, many small pieces of forge work such as chisels, scoot pins and irons, stone drags and the like, leave the shop. Much emphasis is put on repairing and reconditioning farm machinery this year when it has been so hard to obtain. Three pieces of shop equipment, a tap and die set, an electric drill press, and an electric table saw have been obtained from the Government war surplus commodities to help us in our work in the shop.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1945-46

Half-days schools were in session	350
Total registration	244
Average membership	208.79
Percentage of attendance	93.44
Cases of tardiness	152
Number of pupils not absent or tardy	11
Visits by superintendent	197
visits by citizens or others	251

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

Considerable grading has been done at East Alstead to eliminate the boggy front yard of the school lot and to provide adequate play area.

The interior of the village school was repainted during the summer. A group of mothers are cooperating in supplying a hot lunch program for the Village school children. This project is carried on under the Federal Hot Lunch Program, and provides, at a nominal fee, a balanced meal to either replace or supplement whatever lunch the child may bring from home. The lack of facilities at the school necessitates most of the preparation and cleaning up being done outside the school.

An electric water cooler has been purchased and set up in the school. This was voted at the last district meeting. Shortages of materials have delayed getting this into operation as

soon as was hoped. This helps keep the water palatable, but we still have to rely on neighbors for the supply.

At Vilas school the floors were refinished. The boiler has been reconverted to oil, and both burners overhauled. The painting program had to be postponed for another year due to lack of labor. It is hoped to get back on a schedule of painting that will result in having the interior painted every four or five years, by doing a few rooms every year. The ceiling of the cafeteria has been sound-proofed. This cuts down practically all the noise and makes for greater quiet and less nerve tension while eating. The corridors, both upstairs and down, should be treated as soon as conditions warrant. There is some outside painting and roof work that should be done as soon as labor conditions will allow.

A horizontal play-ladder has been installed at the Village school. It is hoped to add a few new see-saw teeters.

The Village school appreciated the money given for Christmas presents.

This year a number of high school pupils are taking courses by correspondence through the University of Nebraska. These are courses which we wouldn't be able to give, due to lack of available teaching staff. These courses fill a need for enlarged program at Vilas.

The enrollment at Vilas is higher than last year, and emphasizes again, the need for a larger elementary unit to care for the first six grades.

The enlarged lunch program in both the Village school and Vilas point to the need for more adequate facilities in this department. It is hoped that the building committee will be created and empowered to go ahead with plans for a definite objective in elementary education.

I wish to express appreciation for the excellent support and cooperation received from the members of the School Board, teachers, parents and pupils.

Respectfully submitted,

THERON B. THOMPSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

VITAL STATISTICS

At the request of the Selectmen, there is submitted herewith a transcript of the births, marriages and deaths as recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk for the year ending December 31, 1946

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1946

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.
		Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.					
Feb. 1	Richard W.	M	1	Richard E. Westcott	Teresa M. Monty	U. S. Marines	Stillwater, N. Y.	Bristol
May 4	Rebecca A.	F	1	Richard H. Wilson	Frances M. Monty	Machinist	Stillwater, N. Y.	Alstead
Oct. 11	Loretta A.	F	2	George E. Wilson	Loretta B. Monty	Machinist	Stillwater, N. Y.	Alstead
June 30	Sally Ann	F	3	George H. Smith	Ruth L. Bailey	Teamster	Springfield, Vt.	Alstead
Dec. 18	Linda D.	F	2	Loren W. Smith	Dorothy A. Ritchie	Auto mechanic	Hartford, Conn.	Brattleboro, Vt.
July 25	Ralph F., Jr.	M	1	Ralph F. Renzelman	Margaret L. Gassett	Farmer	Pittsfield, Mass.	Jersey City, N. J.
June 5	Herbert C.	M	1	Herbert E. Pratt	Jeanie L. Evans	Painter	Groton, Vt.	Acworth
" 15	Gail M.	F	2	Albert H. Porter	Elizabeth M. Hill	Mincer	Alstead	Alstead
Nov. 13	Vivian J.	F	1	Robert R. Putnam	Gertrude L. Clark	Lumberman	Alstead	Claremont
" 24	Patricia A.	F	1	Joseph T. Koehler	Sylvia S. Wells	Prop. Colony Shop	Paris	Allington, Conn.
Mar. 29	Richard L.	M	3	Richard Jeffs	Lula M. Ardwell	Laborer	Alexandria, La.	Alstead
May 5	Cherrie A.	M	1	Royal B. Holmes	Marion I. Kemp	U. S. Army	Alstead	Langdon
" 22	Irene W.	F	10	Ralph W. Haskins	Harriet L. Stone	Farmer	Williamstown, Vt.	Duxbury, Vt.
Jan. 26	Sharon D.	F	3	Charles W. Gardner	Bernice F. Pelton	Typewriter mech.	Langdon	E. Providence, R. I.
June 8	Gail E.	F	1	Fred J. Carman	Junice M. Spaulding	Contractor	Vermont	South Newbury
Aug. 16	Kathleen M.	F	9	Hugh D. Clark	Anna C. Callowhill	Carpenter	Goshen	Alstead
Jan. 10	Waneta D.	F	6	Ora E. Crosby	Pauline E. Ellis	Truck driver	Piermont	Alstead
Apr. 9	Linda M.	F	2	Wallace G. Bascom	Helen M. Carman	Asst. chef	Alstead	Laconia
		F	2	Turner R. Bellows	Emma E. Trow	Farmer	Alstead	Farnham, Que.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1946

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
1946 July 28	Rock'gham, Vt	Richard B. Stowell	Bellows Fls., Vt	24	Hotel clerk	Houghtonv'e, Vt.	Ernest B. Stowell	Bellows Falls, Vt.	1st	Rv G B Owen
		Betty E. Mack	Alstead	19	Sales lady	Franklin	Wilford E. Mack	Bellows Falls, Vt.	1st	Bellows Falls, Vt.
Jan. 3	Rock'gham Vt.	Earl W. Rhoades	Alstead	21	U. S. Navy	Alstead	Earl P. Rhoades	Marlow	1st	Rv G B Owen
Aug. 26	Alstead	Eva L. Chisamore	Bellows Fls., Vt	22	None	Alstead	Glenn I. Chisamore	Black Riv., N. Y.	1st	Bellows Falls, Vt.
		John D. Perkins	Marlow	23	Laborer	Unity	John D. Perkins	W. Greenchwich R. L.	1st	B H Bragg, J P
		Pearl G. Willis	Alstead	20	At home	Phillipston, Ms.	George B. Willis	Framingham, Ms.	1st	Alstead
June 1	Alstead	Harold N. Lufkin	Acworth	23	U. S. Army	Newport	Arthur L. Lufkin	Acworth	2d	Rv H Houghon, Jr.
		Shirley M. Burnham	Alstead	19	Stenographer	Hanover	Nelson C. Burnh'm	Hartland, Me.	1st	Alstead
Oct. 26	Keene	Joseph R. Luksevis	Alstead	23	Miner	Alstead	Frank Luksevis	Lithuania	1st	Rv A N Janes
		LaBlanche A. Lund	Keene	19	Housework	Rochester	LaForrest R. Files	Newport, Me.	3d	Keene
Nov. 17	So. Acworth	Donald W. Libby	Alstead	27	Groceries	Houlton, Me.	Owen H. Libby	Ft. Fairfield, Me.	2d	Rv V L Booker
		Gladys L. McCue	Acworth	19	None	Williamst'n, Vt.	Henry A. McCue	Taunton, Ms.	1st	Alstead
Mar. 2	Keene	Jerry Kercewich	Alstead	24	Machinist	Alstead	Joseph Kercewich	Russia	1st	Rv G R Kilcoyne
		Thursa M. Partridge	Keene	23	Secretary	Newport	Carl M. S. Part'ge	Newport	1st	Keene
May 23	Bellows Fls., Vt	Bradley W. Long	Alstead	23	Machinist	E. Northf'd, Ms.	Norman Long	E. Northf'd, Ms.	1st	Rv C W Briggs
		Louise E. Stanley	Alstead	26	None	W. Halifax, Vt.	Frank Stanley	W. Halifax, Vt.	1st	Bellows Falls, Vt.

*What marriage--whether 1st, 2nd, etc.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1946

Date of Mar-	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	* Condition	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Oct. 12	Meredith	Arthur J. Knight	Alstead	61	Sawyer	Keene	Chas. F. Knight	Marlow	2d	Rv R W Nye
		Alice P. Barrus	Alstead	58	House work		Chas. H. Williams	Warner	3d	Meredith
Apr. 2	Bellows Falls., Vt.	James J. Haskins	Alstead	22	Miner	Chester, Vt.	Frank Haskins	Alstead	1st	Rv C W Briggs
		Minnie E. Peck	Alstead	19	None	N. Westminster, Vt.	Homer Peck	Bear River, N. S.	1st	Bellows Falls, Vt.
May 18	Charlestown	Howard L. Goss	Alstead	19	Machinist	Alstead	John W. Goss	Chelsea, Vt.	1st	Rv A P Watson
		Josephine H. Smith	Charlestown	19	Cashier	Chesterfield	Rolla F. Smith	Windham, Vt.	1st	Charlestown
Feb. 1	Newport	Earl H. Dane	Alstead	33	Mechanic	St. Johnsbury, Vt.	William H. Dane	Holland, Vt.	1st	L F Dudley, J P
		Velzora M. Partlow	Goshen	32	Shoemaker	St. Sebastian, Canada	Frank Fryot	Higate Springs, Vt.	2d	Newport
Mar. 2	Keene	Basil W. Gray	Gilsum	21	Farmer	Presque Isle, Me.	Garfield Gray	Canada	1st	Rv C B Chapman
		Elaine C. Clank	Alstead	19	At home	Alstead	Frank Clank	Alstead	1st	Keene
Nov. 27	Ashland	Samuel S. Craig	Alstead	51	Carpenter	E. Westmoreland	Isaac A. Craig	Andover, Vt.	2d	Rv C A Earle
		Bertha M. Craig	Bow	67	Housekeeper	Allston, Ms.	James Winch	England	2d	Ashland
Nov. 30	Alstead	Willard R. Burroughs	Alstead	25	Carpenter	Alstead	Ernest W. Burroughs	Alstead	1st	Rv V L Booker
		Ellathine E. Pratt	Alstead	20	Inspector	Alstead	Carl H. Pratt	Keene	1st	Alstead

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1946

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age			Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond'n		Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male or Female.	S, M, W.	Father.	Mother.		
Sept. 17	Emma A. Weeks	76	2	7	Canada	F	W	Canada	Canada	William Bowen	Luvia Knapp
July 17	Maria A. Thorn	80	10	24	Fairhaven, Conn.	F	W	P. E. Island	P. E. Island	Ewen Stewart	Annie Mankinell
Apr. 28	Fidelia V. Russell	80	10	1	Charlestown	F	M	Langdon	Westminster, Vt.	Edward Holmes	Emily J. Pulsifer
Mar. 3	Matilda J. Metcalf	89	11	29	E. Lempsster	F	W		Scotland	Earl C. Scales	Catherine Wallace
Sept. 18	Kathleen M. Crosby	61	1	2	Bellows Falls, Vt.	F	S		Cambridgeport, Vt.	Ora Crosby	Pauline Ellis
Nov. 21	Willard S. Clough	61	4	2	Groton, Vt.	M	M	Alstead	Ryegate, Vt.	Alphonso Clough	Harriett Gibson

Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY C. METCALF,
Town Clerk.



HELP YOUR FOREST FIRE WARDEN PREVENT FIRES—IT PAYS!

The prevention of forest fires is the most important and difficult part of the work of your forest fire warden who heads a local organization set up primarily for the security of your community's forest property. The importance and value of the work of the forest fire warden and his deputies is, perhaps, best appreciated during hazardous periods when fire danger is greatest. The public, however, looks to him at all times for speedy and economical suppression of going fires

To properly fulfill his mission, the warden needs the generous and understanding cooperation of the public at large. He attempts to secure this cooperation by the posting of caution notices, news items and by word of mouth, always carefully explaining the necessity of restrictions imposed. In the matter of giving cooperation, however, the public often fails. The record shows that an average of 7,300 acres of woodland are burned over by forest fires in New Hampshire each year. Analysis of fire causes reveal the fact that more than 98 percent of all forest fires are, consistently, the result of human carelessness and are preventable.

The careless smoker fails to properly extinguish his cigar, cigarette or pipe ashes or thoughtlessly throws them from the car window; the debris burner fails or refuses to consult the warden, as the law requires when the ground is not covered with snow, before attempting to burn; campers fail to properly extinguish their fires or frequently build fires when conditions are unfavorable.

Remember these rules:

1. Use ordinary common sense with fire in and near woodland.
2. Comply with requirements on the use of fire in and near woodland and when the ground is not covered with snow, secure written permission to burn from the forest fire warden.
3. Be careful when smoking in or near woodlands. Don't throw lighted material from moving vehicles.
4. Cooperate with and assist the warden and urge others to do so.
5. **HELP YOUR FOREST FIRE WARDEN PREVENT FIRES—**his efforts are only as effective as is the cooperation you give him!

F. J. BAKER,
District Fire Chief.